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Letter of Appeal – CC Docket No. 02-6

Request for Review

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Program Funding Year 2005

Entity Number: 231202

Form 471 Application Number: 440427

FRN's: 1240567, 1240597, 1240668, 1240685, 1240695, 1240711, 1240748,
1241608, 1241634, 1241654, 1241668, 1241680, 1241693, 1241714,
1241738, 1241749, 1242354, 1242367, 1242476, 1242498, 1242514,
1242540, 1242555, 1244968, 1244988, 1249807, 1257014

Total program year pre-discount amount: \$ 9,270,189.30

Funding Commitment Requests: \$ 6,118,324.92

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Dear Sirs:

This is a letter of appeal regarding the recent SLD decision to deny funding requests made by the Illinois Century Network ("ICN" or "applicant") for E-rate Funding Year 2005. It is the ICN's position that the decision was untimely, applied retroactively, and – from a content perspective – was neither substantive, nor reflective of the history and facts of this case.

Overview of the Case

On February 17, 2005, the ICN applied on a Form 471 for E-rate eligible services for Funding Year 2005, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. As part of the application process, the ICN is required to obtain what is known as a Letter of Agency ("LOA"), which allows the ICN to apply on behalf of almost 3000 eligible K-12 schools, for which it provides free internet access. This LOA had been collected over several months in the fall of 2004 from the ICN's consortium members for the 2004 and 2005 E-rate Funding Years.

On April 26, 2005, a letter was received by the ICN from Mr. Steve Ernyey of the Schools and Libraries Division of USAC – Consortium Review. The letter stated a request for documentation for Illinois Century Network, BEN 231202. Letters of Agency for all entities listed in Block 4 on the ICN Form 471, certified application # 440427, were to be submitted within seven calendar days along with explanation for any entities listed in the Block 4 that do not exactly match what appears on the LOA. A request was made by the ICN for a 30-day extension of this deadline, which was granted by the SLD.

The ICN responded to this request for LOA documentation within the granted timeframe. SLD Consortium Review made no further requests for documentation, clarification for the documentation submitted, or any other request for information.

On October 10, 2005 a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) dated October 5, 2005, was received by the Illinois Century Network. This FCDL, regarding funding requests made by the ICN for E-rate Funding Year 2005, communicated that all funds requested, in the amount of \$6,118,324.92, were "Denied" in full.

The Funding Commitment Decision Explanation stated for each Funding Request Number is *"Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium."* No further reason or explanation is stated to clarify this decision.

On April 22, 2005, the ICN had contacted Mr. Dick Destaffaney, of the SLD consortium review group, in regard to the very same reason for funding denial of the ICN E-rate Year 7 application. Mr. Destaffaney was asked if he could further explain the decision

to deny funding to the ICN, and to provide information regarding the rules or guidelines that it is based upon. Mr. Destaffaney stated that he was not allowed to divulge this information and referred inquiries to USAC ombudsman, Bob Spiller. After pursuing clarification, Mr. Destaffaney did allude to the prior decision made by the SLD in February 2005, to invalidate the Letter of Agency used by the ICN. This decision to invalidate the LOA subsequently led to the Funding Years 2004 and 2005 denials.

For reasons stated below, the ICN submitted an appeal to the SLD regarding the SLD's decision to invalidate the original LOA. The ICN is now appealing the SLD's decision to deny funds to the ICN for Funding Year 2005 just as it has for the 2004 Funding Year. The ICN asserts that the SLD placed the ICN in an extremely unfair and unreasonable situation due to the content and timeliness of the decision to invalidate the original LOAs. The SLD's invalidation notification was sent to the ICN long after the ability existed to effectively address concerns involving the LOA. The decision regarding the ICN's LOA, which would be used to cover both Funding Years 2004 and 2005, was sent extremely late in the Funding Year 2005 application process. Only nine days remained before the close of the Funding Year 2005 filing window, concurrent with the deadline by which all LOAs were required to be signed by ICN consortium members due to revised program rules.

Untimely and Retroactive Decision to Invalidate the Original LOAs

Per the evidence submitted, the ICN received notice of the LOA invalidation on February 9, 2005, and was required to submit new LOAs for all of its consortium members for Funding Year 2004 by no later than February 18, 2005. Thus, the decision regarding the ICN's LOA, intended to cover both the 2004 and 2005 Funding Years, effectively jeopardized the ICN's 2005 application as well. The SLD notified the ICN that it was invalidating the LOA used by the ICN and was requiring that it be revised and then resubmitted. According to revised USAC program rules, all Funding Year 2005 LOAs were required to be signed and dated no later than the Form 471 certification date.

Please note that although the SLD's own web site did not post revised notification concerning LOA requirements until February 1, 2005, USAC retroactively invalidated ICN's LOAs, originally filed with the Funding Year 2004 application. The majority of these LOAs were submitted to the SLD in October 2004 at the request of consortium review team member, Robert Carreon. Several subsequent exchanges with Mr. Carreon ensued over the following three months as the ICN worked through the process of verifying the entities included on the Block 4 portion of our Funding Year 2004 form 471, for which we had an LOA on file. At no time in this process was the validity of the original LOA used by the ICN ever questioned. In effect, the SLD devised new standards, then retroactively and suddenly imposed them on the Letter of Agency utilized by the ICN as part of the E-rate application process.

The SLD's untimely decision to invalidate the original LOA provided the ICN virtually no time to complete the task of responding to their request for new documentation. To

fulfill this request, the ICN would need to collect revised LOAs covering almost 3000 consortium member entities, and then re-submit hardcopies to the SLD in only nine days! Due to new requirements for LOAs imposed by the SLD, all LOAs submitted for the 2005 Funding Year had to be dated and received by the ICN's application certification date. That date, February 17, 2005, was determined by the electronic submission of the ICN's application and submission of its certification form.

In an effort to comply, the limited ICN staff immediately sent revised LOAs to as many ICN constituents as possible. ICN staff worked overtime to respond to the SLD's unfortunate and untimely request for new LOAs. The ICN forwarded to its constituents a package containing the "new" LOAs for Funding Years 2004 and 2005 that included the revised required language, as best interpreted by the ICN. Ironically, the SLD will not approve or disapprove an LOA before its submission as documentation to support E-rate funding requests.

Despite the obstacles, the ICN was able to obtain signatures on the revised LOAs from 144 Illinois school districts during the period allowed by the SLD. These signatures covered 1523 Illinois schools and 908,251 eligible students. However, the ICN was not able to replace all of the LOAs that were originally sent to the SLD.

The ICN submits that any other similarly-sized entity could not realistically and successfully respond to a request from the SLD to manually replace all LOAs in the very short time period imposed.

Content of the LOAs in Question

Not only does the ICN disagree with the timing of the decision to invalidate the LOAs, but we also disagree with the basis of the SLD's decision to invalidate the original LOAs. As explained below, the difference between the previously approved LOAs and the new, hopefully, "valid LOAs" is neither significant nor substantive. The very slight revision described below has no impact on the ICN constituents desire to be part of the network or their full knowledge and consent that the ICN would apply for E-rate funding on their behalf.

In conversations with the SLD subsequent to their decision to invalidate the LOA used by the ICN, the specific reason given for the denial of the original LOA was the term "eligible services" used to describe the services covered on the LOA. According to the discussion, the SLD requires the LOA to contain more specific language than "eligible services".

Specifically, the original LOA – which the SLD had accepted without reservation in years past, contained the following language:

"We the Participant (District/School/Library Name) _____

_____ authorize the Illinois Century Network (ICN), and/or any of its fiscal/administrative agents, including the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), and/or the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) to act as a consortium lead on our behalf in matters related specifically to any State and Federal discount programs (such as Universal Service Program - E-rate - and others) solely for the purposes of **securing those discounts on ICN's eligible services.**

We authorize the ICN to engage on our behalf in the procurement processes, in the submission of forms, and in the overall administration of these programs solely for the purposes of securing those discounts on **ICN's eligible services.** (emphasis added)

Apparently the SLD invalidated the LOAs because it now required the ICN to add the term "telecommunications and internet access" so that the highlighted sections above would read:

"securing those discounts on ICN's eligible telecommunications services and internet access services."

In short, the SLD's required change on the LOA amounts to adding the words "telecommunications services and internet access" to the original letter. To say the least, this new requirement is substantively questionable in the context of the entire letter and the history of the ICN. Reading through the rest of the LOA describes the services context of the LOA and the rules that must be followed in a format the SLD previously found acceptable.

The ICN has not, and will not, apply for ineligible services on behalf of its constituents. The ICN's nine-year history of service to its constituents, and its adherence to program rules in receiving E-rate funds in prior years -- in the face of very tight SLD scrutiny -- proves that the ICN has only asked for support for eligible services on behalf of consenting schools and libraries.

Adding the words "telecommunications services and internet access" adds nothing to an established relationship between the ICN and its constituents or between the ICN and the SLD. No program rules were ever violated with the original LOA. This LOA was originally distributed to ICN consortium members only after several consultations with the SLD to determine the acceptability of this document. We believe it was an arbitrary and substantively questionable decision by the SLD to invalidate the original LOA in February 2005 based on needing three words added to the revised LOA.

Similar Cases

In support of this appeal, the ICN cites two important cases where we believe FCC decisions support the ICN's position in this case:

Naperville Community School District 203 – SLD-203343 – FCC Order 01-73

We believe the ICN case has many similarities to the Naperville case, where the Commission determined that the SLD should not have returned an application without consideration for failure to meet the SLD's minimum processing standards where among other issues:

“(1) the request for information was a first-time information requirement on a revised form, thereby possibly leading to confusion on the part of the applicants; (2) the omitted information could be easily discerned by SLD through examination of other information included in the application; and (3) the application is otherwise substantially complete.”¹

As stated herein: the ICN has a long history of serving Illinois schools prior to this denial by the SLD; the ICN was asked for this revision to the existing LOA in a very untimely fashion; and the ICN was using an LOA that the SLD had previously approved.

Finally -- and perhaps most importantly -- the ICN fails to see how the SLD could not discern the willingness of the members of the consortium to be members of the ICN with the existing LOA. As in the Naperville case cited above, the omitted information -- the words “telecommunications and internet access” -- could have easily been discerned by the SLD by simply reviewing the original LOA.

Upon reviewing the record in the *Naperville* case, we conclude that the ICN's case presents circumstances factually similar to those in *Naperville* and meets the standards articulated in *Naperville*. Accordingly, the ICN would ask that the FCC accept the original LOAs and remand the applications to SLD for processing pursuant to the Commission's rules.

Project Interconnect – DA 01-1620

The ICN would also cite FCC case number **DA 01-1620** in support of this appeal. This case involves a Request for Review filed by Project Interconnect, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. In particular, the ICN would reference paragraph 14, where the FCC recognizes the existing established participation of Project Interconnect's consortium members based on having letters of membership already in their possession.

Similarly, the ICN's consortium members established relationship to and participation in the consortium is well established by the Letters of Agency collected during previous E-rate funding years. These LOAs, previously deemed acceptable by the SLD, make use of the exact terminology used in describing services that the LOA submitted in support of the 2005 funding year request contains. To now invalidate this Letter of Agency and subsequently deny the ICN funding requests is inconsistent with the precedent established in prior funding years.

¹ *Request for Review by Naperville Community Unit School District 203, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, File No. SLD-203343, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, FCC 01-73 (rel. February x, 2001).

The ICN further notes that in paragraph 14 of this case, the FCC concludes that the SLD should not have denied support for the entire *Project Interconnect* consortium. The FCC states:

“We note initially that the consortium leader, Project Interconnect, had letters of membership from each of its members establishing their participation in the consortium. Thus, there is no evidence that Project Interconnect was acting in bad faith in putting forward an application seeking support for these districts, a factor that might warrant a more general denial.”

The ICN was placed in similar circumstances by the SLD's actions. The ICN understands the importance of the LOA. The ICN has complied with the rules regarding these during past funding years and continued to do so during the funding years in question here. The ICN believes there is no doubt that the originally approved LOA appropriately notified the ICN's constituent schools and libraries that the ICN was applying on their behalf for E-rate program support on eligible services.

Impact of the Decision

The ICN asks the FCC to note that the ICN is one of the largest state-funded networks in the US, serving more than 4,500 of Illinois public and non-public K-12 schools and libraries. *The ICN provided e-rate eligible services to Illinois schools and libraries before E-rate existed as a part of the commitment of the State of Illinois to support universal internet access for schools and libraries.* The ICN provides free internet access to these schools and libraries, and accordingly, asks for E-rate support only on those eligible services.

The ICN provides very real savings to our constituents and the E-rate program. Our very conservative estimates are that the ICN saves the E-rate program over \$14 million a year in telecommunications services and internet access funding disbursements by providing pooled internet access to schools at no charge. These savings are real – if the ICN were not in service, Illinois schools and libraries would exercise the option of buying internet access services on the open market and seeking E-rate support for these clearly eligible services. The net result in this scenario would be a significant increase in demands placed upon the E-rate program. Quite simply, the ICN is one of the best examples of the E-rate program's goal of consolidating services and reducing unit costs.

This recent decision made by the SLD to deny funding support through the E-rate program to the ICN and the State of Illinois puts the services provided to Illinois' schools and libraries in serious jeopardy. Without these supporting funds, it may no longer be feasible for the ICN to continue to provide internet access at no cost to its constituents. The ICN may be forced to reduce or eliminate these services. In turn, the schools and libraries in the State of Illinois will have no option but to obtain these services on the open market through alternate providers and then to seek E-rate reimbursement for

these costs. Dramatic increases to the burden placed on the E-rate program will soon take place due to these circumstances. It is not in the best interest of the FCC, USAC, the ICN, or the State of Illinois' schools and libraries to let this decision stand.

Therefore, the ICN asks that the FCC reverse this decision made by the SLD to deny the funding requests submitted by the ICN for Funding Year 2005. We maintain that both the original LOA and the revised LOA submitted by the ICN do indeed provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf its constituent members of the consortium. The ICN also maintains that the decision to invalidate our original LOAs was both mistaken from a content standpoint and very untimely. Had this decision to invalidate the LOAs not occurred, the ICN believes the decision to deny funding would not have been made and the funding request for Funding Year 2005 would move ahead accordingly.

Respectfully,



Tom Oseland
E-rate Coordinator, State of Illinois
CMS/Illinois Century Network

cc: Mark Keam, Office of U.S. Senator Richard Durbin – IL
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Attachments: Copy of Funding Year 2005 Commitment Letter – dated October 5, 2005
Copy of SLD Notification – dated February 9, 2005
Copy of Original LOA
Copy of Revised LOA



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006)

October 5, 2005

Tom Oseland
ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
726 S. College
Springfield, IL 62704

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006
Billed Entity Number: 231202
Billed Entity FCC RN: 001266328
Applicant's Form Identifier: ICNYR8471

Thank you for your Funding Year 2005 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$6,118,324.92 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,

- Applicant BEN and service provider SPIN,
 - Form 471 Application Number as assigned by the SLD,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2005," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
 4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by the SLD's decision.
 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on our web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. Click "Continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
 Schools and Libraries Division
 Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
 80 South Jefferson Road
 Whippany, NJ 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use either the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. The SLD may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by the SLD, the applicant, or the service provider. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

Schools and Libraries Division
 Universal Service Administrative Company

A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

A report for each E-rate funding request from your application is attached to this letter. We are providing the following definitions for the items in that report.

FORM 471 APPLICATION NUMBER: The unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 application by the SLD.

FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

FUNDING STATUS: Each FRN will have one of the following definitions:

1. An FRN that is "Funded" is approved at the level that the SLD determined is appropriate for this FRN. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds were committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for this Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and a message that your Internal Connections requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decision on your Internal Connections requests.

CATEGORY OF SERVICE: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on your Form 471.

FORM 470 APPLICATION NUMBER: The Form 470 Application Number associated with this FRN from Block 5, Item 12 of the Form 471.

SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support mechanisms. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

SERVICE PROVIDER NAME: The legal name of the service provider.

CONTRACT NUMBER: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on your Form 471.

BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on your Form 471.

SERVICE START DATE: The Service Start Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 19 of your Form 471.

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: The Contract Expiration Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 20b of your Form 471. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on your Form 471.

SITE IDENTIFIER: The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a. This will be present only for "site specific" FRNs.

NUMBER OF MONTHS RECURRING SERVICE PROVIDED IN FUNDING YEAR: The number of months of service that has been approved in the funding year. This will be present only for recurring services.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES: Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service approved for the funding year.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES: Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT: Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD: The discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse your service provider for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that you and your service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry provides an explanation of the amount in the "Funding Commitment Decision."

FCDL DATE: The date of this Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL).

WAVE NUMBER: The wave number assigned to FCDLs issued on this date.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1240567
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143005375
Service Provider Name: Ameritech Advanced Data Services, Inc.
Contract Number: TCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 217S654063648
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 09/15/2005
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 3
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$740,736.96
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$740,736.96
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1240597
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143999999
Service Provider Name: State Replacement Contract
Contract Number: SRCTCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 217 S65 4063 648
Service Start Date: 09/16/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 10
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,469,123.20
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,469,123.20
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1240668
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143003990
Service Provider Name: Comcast Business Communications
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: ICNCOMCAST1
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$27,003.72
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$27,003.72
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1240685
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143001192
Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.
Contract Number: TCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 80008857882
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 09/15/2005
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 3
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$170,858.82
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$170,858.82
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1240695
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143999999
Service Provider Name: State Replacement Contract
Contract Number: SRCTCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 80008857882
Service Start Date: 09/16/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 10
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$569,529.40
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$569,529.40
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1240711
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143022698
Service Provider Name: CITIZENS TEL OF ILLINOIS INC
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 2171960065
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$15,601.92
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$15,601.92
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1240748
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001882
Service Provider Name: Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 10201550
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$38,028.84
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$38,028.84
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1241608
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001871
Service Provider Name: Geneseo Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: S978157016
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$5,512.68
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$5,512.68
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1241634
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001878
Service Provider Name: Harrisonville Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 0011461FAS1026
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$884.40
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$884.40
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1241654
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001879
Service Provider Name: Henry County Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 309FAS1029
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,170.80
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,170.80
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1241668
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001890
Service Provider Name: Madison Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 14416
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$3,011.04
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$3,011.04
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

ECDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1241680
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143000074
Service Provider Name: McLeod USA Telecommunications
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 6136778
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$766,712.40
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$766,712.40
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

ECDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1241693
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001893
Service Provider Name: Mid Century Telephone Cooperative
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 1054ISE103
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$759.36
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$759.36
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1241714
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143004467
Service Provider Name: Qwest Communications (formerly SuperNet, Inc.)
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 319D220777
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$26,394.12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$26,394.12
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1241738
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143005695
Service Provider Name: Sprint Communications Co. L.P.
Contract Number: TCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 992911402
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/2005
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 6
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$826,935.84
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$826,935.84
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1241749
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143999999
Service Provider Name: State Replacement Contract
Contract Number: SRCTCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 992911402
Service Start Date: 01/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 6
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$826,935.84
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$826,935.84
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1242354
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143004791
Service Provider Name: Verizon North Inc.
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 3091970684
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$968,935.56
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$968,935.56
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1242367
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001907
Service Provider Name: Wabash Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 11713
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,761.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$1,761.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1242476
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143001185
Service Provider Name: WilTel Communications, LLC
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: 5015120
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$247,968.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$247,968.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1242498
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143005695
Service Provider Name: Sprint Communications Co. L.P.
Contract Number: TCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 13119989
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/2005
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 6
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$177,120.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$177,120.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1242514
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143999999
Service Provider Name: State Replacement Contract
Contract Number: SRCTCVS1301
Billing Account Number: 13119989
Service Start Date: 01/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 6
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$177,120.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$177,120.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1242540
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143001192
Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.
Contract Number: ICN09052001COLV
Billing Account Number: 210674298117
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 09/17/2005
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 3
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$56,678.40
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$56,678.40
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1242555
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 383730000
SPIN: 143999999
Service Provider Name: State Replacement Contract
Contract Number: SRCICN09052001COLV
Billing Account Number: 210674298117
Service Start Date: 09/18/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 10
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$188,928.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$188,928.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1244968
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 598700000
SPIN: 143021460
Service Provider Name: Level 3 Communications, LLC (Genuity Managed Servi
Contract Number: ICN20022002
Billing Account Number: 28761
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 01/27/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$374,573.40
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$374,573.40
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1244988
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143004467
Service Provider Name: Qwest Communications (formerly SuperNet, Inc.)
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: 54988042
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$198,301.44
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$198,301.44
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

Funding Request Number: 1249807
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143013610
Service Provider Name: XO Illinois, Inc.
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: 32048615
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$283,392.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$283,392.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
BEN: 231202
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 440427
Funding Request Number: 1257014
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 249690000
SPIN: 143021832
Service Provider Name: New Edge Network, Inc.
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: WAN01771
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$105,212.16
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$105,212.16
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 10/05/2005
Wave Number: 015



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

TO: Tom Oseland/Joel Vinson
PHONE: (217) 557-6527
FAX: (217) 557-6550
DATE: February 9, 2005
SENDER: Robert Carreon
RE: Consortium Review FY 2004-2005 (FY7)
Response Due: February 18, 2005

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Dear Tom/Joel,

This is to confirm our conversation and request that you obtain new documentation for Illinois Century Network (BEN 231202). As we discussed, the Letters of Agency (LOAs) you provided did not specify the type of services for which its members authorized the consortium to apply. This is a required element of Letters of Agency as described on the Schools and Libraries web page and in the guidelines included in our original verification request.

These documents/letters of agency should describe that: 1) the entity is a member of the Consortium, and 2) has authorized participation in the filing of the 471 application(s). The LOA must contain the following information:

- Name of Consortium Member.
- Name and Title of Consortium Leader.
- Dated Signature and Title of authorized person at member end.
- Dates that indicate the agreement is/was/will be in effect either during the application process or the actual funding year.
- **Type(s) of service(s) the consortium is authorized to procure.**

Once we receive the requested documents, we will complete our Consortium Review.

Please fax or e-mail the requested information to my attention. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

It is important that we receive all of the information requested so PIA can complete its review. **Failure to do so may result in a reduction or denial of funding.**

If we do not receive the information within seven calendar days, your application will be reviewed using the information currently on file. If you need additional time to prepare your response, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program.

Thank you,

Robert Carreon
Schools and Libraries Division – Consortium Review
Phone 973-428-7364
FAX: 973-599-6576
E-Mail: rcarreo@sl.universalservice.org

Provisions for Universal Service ("E-Rate") Program for Schools and Libraries

(For Public and Non-Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, Libraries and any other E-Rate eligible members of the ICN Network):

We the Participant (District/School/Library Name) _____
_____ authorize the Illinois Century Network (ICN),
and/or any of its fiscal/administrative agents, including the Illinois State Board of
Education (ISBE), the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), and/or the Illinois
Department of Central Management Services (CMS) to act as a consortium lead on our
behalf in matters related specifically to any State and Federal discount programs (such as
Universal Service Program - E-rate - and others) solely for the purposes of securing those
discounts on ICN's eligible services.

We authorize the ICN to engage on our behalf in the procurement processes, in the
submission of forms, and in the overall administration of these programs solely for the
purposes of securing those discounts on ICN's eligible services.

We understand that in submitting these forms on our behalf, ICN is making certifications
for our school, district, library or library system. We are hereby simultaneously certifying
compliance with the certifications below:

- That the schools in our system are all schools under the statutory definitions of elementary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), do not operate as for profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- That the libraries or library consortia are eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as a for-profit business and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.
- The eligible schools and libraries have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for discounted eligible services.
- I certify that the schools in our district (or library(ies)) are all covered, or will be covered at the time funded services are provided, by approved technology plans.

- That the subsidized services that the applicant receives provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec.254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.
- That the entity(ies) we represent have complied with all E-rate program rules and we acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments.

This certification in no way limits the abilities of participant entities to file for "E-rate" (Universal Service Funds) or any other grants and programs on their own, nor does it abrogate any other rights and responsibilities of the Participant with the E-rate Program.

Please mark the appropriate years for which this certification was or will be effective:

- ☐ Funding Year 2004 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005)
☐ Funding Year 2005 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006)
☐ Our organization is unable to certify compliance as described within this document

By signing this Agreement, I certify that I am authorized to submit this Agreement on behalf of the above participant entity(ies), that I have examined the provisions that relate to participation in the E-rate Program, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

I certify that I am authorized to sign this letter of agency and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; all information provided to the ICN for E-rate submission is true. I understand that persons willfully making false statements on E-rate forms or through this letter of agency can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

Participant

Signature Date

Printed Name

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Illinois Century Network

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Provisions for Universal Service (“E-Rate”) Program for Schools and Libraries

(For Public and Non-Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, Libraries and any other E-Rate eligible members of the ICN Network):

We the Participant (District/School/Library Name) _____
_____ authorize the Illinois Century Network (ICN),
and/or any of its fiscal/administrative agents, including the Illinois State Board of
Education (ISBE), the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), and/or the Illinois
Department of Central Management Services (CMS) to act as a consortium lead on our
behalf in matters related specifically to any State and Federal discount programs (such as
Universal Service Program - E-rate - and others) solely for the purposes of securing those
discounts on ICN’s eligible **Telecommunication Services** and **Internet Access Services**.

We authorize the ICN to engage on our behalf in the procurement processes, in the
submission of forms, and in the overall administration of these programs solely for the
purposes of securing those discounts on ICN’s eligible **Telecommunication Services** and
Internet Access Services.

We understand that in submitting these forms on our behalf, ICN is making certifications
for our school, district, library or library system. We are hereby simultaneously certifying
compliance with the certifications below:

- That the schools in our system are all schools under the statutory definitions of elementary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), do not operate as for profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- That the libraries or library consortia are eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as a for-profit business and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.
- The eligible schools and libraries have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for discounted eligible services.
- I certify that the schools in our district (or library(ies)) are all covered, or will be covered at the time funded services are provided, by approved technology plans.

- That the subsidized services that the applicant receives provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec.254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.
- That the entity(ies) we represent have complied with all E-rate program rules and we acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments.

This certification in no way limits the abilities of participant entities to file for "E-rate" (Universal Service Funds) or any other grants and programs on their own, nor does it abrogate any other rights and responsibilities of the Participant with the E-rate Program.

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